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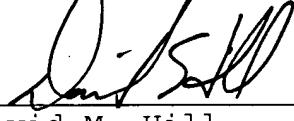
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I, David M. Hill, declare that our records indicate that on May 17, 2000, a Response to Restriction Requirement was timely filed, and that no further Patent Office communication has been received by our office regarding the above-referenced patent application. Specifically, our records indicate that the Office letter mailed on July 24, 2000 regarding the above-referenced application was not received by our office.

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